

Applicant elects Group 1. The elected Group 1 contains independent claim 1 and dependent claims 2-18. Applicant further elects specie group 1 from claim 6, i.e. a peptide, restriction endonuclease or a transcription factor, and specie group 1 for claim 16, i.e. biotin-avidin complexes. Applicant reserves the right to continue to pursue the canceled and non-provisionally elected claims.

It is believed that no fees are associated with this communication. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 04-1420.

In the event the Examiner believes that a telephone interview with the undersigned would be of assistance in expediting the prosecution of this application, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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